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SUBJECT: INDONESIA AND JAPAN RENEW CONTROVERSIAL TUNA FISHING
AGREEMENT

SUMMARY: JAPAN AND INDONESIA HAVE RENEWED
CONTROVERSIAL CONCESSION AGREEMENT ALLOWING
JAPANESE TUNA BOATS TO OPERATE IN EASTERN
INDONESIA. ALTHOUGH MODIFIED CONDITIONS
ARE SLIGHTLY MORE FAVORABLE TO INDONESIA,
MOST INDONESIANS ASSUME THAT JAPANESE HAVE
EVADED THEM IN THE PAST AND WILL CONTINUE
TO DO SO IN FUTURE. END SUMMARY

1. ON JULY 27 JAPAN AND INDONESIA EXTENDED
CONTROVERSIAL FISHING CONCESSIONS WHICH ALLOW
JAPANESE TUNA BOATS TO OPERATE IN DESIGNATED
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AREAS OF EASTERN INDONESIA (SERAM AND

BANDA SEAS.) "INTERIM AGREEMENT" FIRST ESTABLISHED IN 1968 IS BETWEEN GOI AND PRIVATE JAPANESE FISHING ASSOCIATIONS BUT RENEWAL WAS SIGNED BY JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TANAKA AND TOP ECONOMIC OFFICER IN FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, B.S. ARIFIN. THE EXTENSION IS GOOD FOR ONE YEAR BUT ACCORDING PRESS MAY BE RENEWED FOR ANOTHER YEAR (UNTIL JULY 1975).

2. ACCORDING JAKARTA PRESS MODIFIED CONDITIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. TOTAL CATCH LIMIT HAS BEEN LOWERED FROM 19,500 TO 10,000 TONS PER YEAR.

B. NOT MORE THAN 310 JAPANESE BOATS WILL BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE IN THE AREA IN ONE YEAR.

C. LICENSE FEES PAID TO INDONESIA HAVE BEEN RAISED FROM \$390 TO \$550 FOR CLASS B BOATS (MAXIMUM SIZE 100 TONS) AND FROM \$300 TO \$450 FOR SMALLER CLASS A BOATS (MAX SIZE 40 TONS.)

D. TO PROTECT LIVELIHOOD OF INDONESIAN FISHERMEN, JAPANESE BOATS MUST OPERATE AT LEAST THIRTY MILES FROM SHORE.

E. WHEN CALLING IN AMBON FOR INSPECTION OF PERMITS, JAPANESE BOATS MAY TAKE ON FOOD AND WATER BUT ARE NOT ALLOWED TO REFUEL.

3. AS SWEETENER THE JAPANESE HAVE GREED TO DONATE A MODERN, 150 TON TRAWLER TO "FISHERIES TRAINING CENTER" IN AMBON AS WELL AS X-RAY EQUIPMENT FOR LOCAL HOSPITAL. (THIS IS IN ADDITION TO EXISTING JAPANESE AID COMMITMENTS.)

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4. COMMENT: THE TUNA CONCESSIONS HAVE LONG BEEN CONTROVERSIAL SINCE THEY REQUIRE NO INVESTMENT IN INDONESIA, AND THE INDONESIANS ARE PAINFULLY AWARE THAT THEY CANNOT ENFORCE CONDITIONS. RUMORS HAVE BEENCIRCULATING IN JAKARTA THAT THE JAPANESE MIGHT CURTAIL RICE AID IF CONCESSIONS NOT RENEWED. RECENT PRESS

REPORTS HAVE CLAIMED THAT SYSTEMATIC CHEATING
BY JAPANESE TUNA BOATS IS COSTING INDONESIA
MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ANNUALLY, AND DESPITE
HIGHER FEES ETC., INITIAL PRESS COVERAGE OF
RENEWAL REMAINS CRITICAL. (EDITORIAL IN
STUDENT DAILY HARIAN KAMI ARGUES THAT THE
CONCESSIONS ARE EXPLOITATION, NOT COOPERATION,
AND THAT SO LONG AS THEY ARE MAINTAINED,
IMAGE OF JAPANESE AS "ECONOMIC ANIMALS"
WILL BE MAINTAINED ALONG WITH THEM.)
CONCERN ABOUT INABILITY TO POLICE ARCHIPELAGO
WATERS, WHETHER TO PROTECT FISHERIES
OR FOR OTHER PURPOSES, EXTENDS TO HIGHEST
LEVELS OF GOI AND HAS STIMULATED STEADILY
GROWING INTEREST IN ENHANCING NAVAL PATROL
CAPABILITIES. INDONESIANS ARE OF COURSE
OPERATING FROM ASSUMPTION NOT SHARED BY
JAPANESE THAT BANDA SEA AND OTHER INTER-
ISLAND WATERS ARE INDONESIAN TERRITORY
AND THAT FISH THEREIN ARE NATIONAL PROPERTY.
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